



## **CITY OF ROANOKE**

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Honorable David A. Bowers, Mayor  
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Vice Mayor  
Honorable M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member  
Honorable Gwendolyn W. Mason, Council Member  
Honorable Anita J. Price, Council Member  
Honorable Court G. Rosen, Council Member  
Honorable David B. Trinkle, Council Member

Dear Mayor Bowers and Members of City Council:

Subject: Acceptance of Additional USDA  
Grant Funds for Wiley Drive  
Upstream Low Water Bridge  
Project, Contribution of City  
Funds and Amendment to  
Partners Agreement

#### Background:

On April 7, 2008, Council accepted a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) Funds Grant for the replacement of the Wiley Drive Upstream Low Water Bridge (Project), Resolution No. 38051-040708. The amount of the Grant was \$301,350. The City and the NRCS also entered into a Conservation Program Contract in connection with the WHIP funds mentioned above.

In order to obtain additional funds and assistance for the Project, the City entered into a Partners for Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Agreement, dated October 3, 2008, (Partners Agreement) among the City, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and FishAmerica Foundation (FishAmerica). The Partners Agreement provided for additional funds for the Project. The USFWS and FishAmerica had a separate contract that provided for FishAmerica to accept and use funds from USFWS and to provide assistance for the Project. In cooperation with USFWS and others, City staff

developed the plans for the proposed Project. FishAmerica, in cooperation with USFWS, requested competitive bids for the Project, which were received on June 19, 2009. Three bids were received for the Project construction, which bids ranged from \$977,000 to \$1,400,000. However, FishAmerica and USFWS were able to work with the proposed contractor to arrive at a guaranteed maximum price of \$850,000 for the Project. Thereafter, additional funds were sought to fund the Project for the \$850,000 amount.

The USDA and NRCS has awarded additional grant funds to the City in the amount of \$80,850 to support the Project based on restoration of fish passage to this section of the Roanoke River. This brings the total USDA and NRCS grant funds available to the City to \$382,200. City Council's acceptance of the additional \$80,850 is needed to make such funds available for the Project.

USFWS has received additional funds, including stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to further assist in the Project. The available funds from the USFWS and the additional WHIP Grant funds, along with the original WHIP Grant funds to the City, are approximately \$750,000. Therefore, additional local funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the City has been requested to reach the amount of \$850,000 needed for this Project. City staff recommends that the City provide such local funding for this Project. The funds are available in the Roanoke River Flood Reduction Project (Account No. 08-510-9620). The Partners Agreement mentioned above will also need to be amended to reflect the new funding amounts and other needed revisions to such Agreement. City Council action is needed to approve the additional local funding and any needed amendments to the Partners Agreement.

#### Recommendations:

Accept the additional USDA and NRCS grant funds in the amount of \$80,850.

Authorize the City Manager to take such further action and execute any and all modifications, amendments, and other documents, approved as to form by the City Attorney, and to furnish such additional information as may be required, in connection with the City's acceptance of the additional grant funds in the amount of \$80,850 as mentioned above.

That the City provide \$100,000 of City funds for this Project and authorize the City Manager to take such further action and execute such documents as may be necessary, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to make such funds available for the Project, including any needed amendments or modifications to the Partners Agreement referred to above in order to administer the grant funds and complete the Project.

Authorize the City Manager to take further action and execute any additional or necessary documents with the USDA, NRCS, USFWS, FishAmerica, or other entities that may be necessary, and to provide information to anyone as may be needed, in order to administer such grant funds and to complete the Project.

Adopt the accompanying budget ordinance to increase the revenue estimate and appropriate funding for the Wiley Drive Upstream Low Water Bridge Project in the amount of \$80,850, and to transfer funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Roanoke River Flood Reduction Project to the Wiley Drive Upstream Low Water Bridge Project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darlene L. Burcham", written in a cursive style.

Darlene L. Burcham  
City Manager

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